

VZCZCXYZ0013
PP RUEHWEB

DE RUEHTA #3075 2430444
ZNR UUUUU ZZH
P 310444Z AUG 06
FM AMEMBASSY ALMATY
TO RUEHC/SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 6752
INFO RUEHNE/AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI 0377
RUEHIL/AMEMBASSY ISLAMABAD 2070
RUCNNSG/NUCLEAR SUPPLIERS GROUP COLLECTIVE
RUEBAAA/DEPT OF ENERGY WASHDC
RHEHNSC/NSC WASHDC

UNCLAS ALMATY 003075

SIPDIS

DEPARTMENT FOR SCA/CEN (J. MUDGE), ISN

SENSITIVE

SIPDIS

E.O. 12958: N/A

TAGS: PREL ENRG KSCA PARM KNNP ETTC IN KZ

SUBJECT: KAZAKHSTAN NONCOMMITAL ON INDIA CIVIL NUCLEAR INITIATIVE

REF: A. STATE 140484, B. ALMATY 2187, C. ALMATY 1226

¶1. (SBU) Summary: The Kazakhstani MFA welcomes progress in the U.S. and India on laying the groundwork for civil nuclear cooperation, and will consider making a statement of support at the upcoming NSG meeting in Vienna. Kazakhstan would like to ensure that Pakistan's views are considered as the initiative moves forward, however. End summary.

¶2. (U) During an August 28 meeting with Deputy Foreign Minister Kairat Abdrakhmanov, the Ambassador conveyed Ref A demarche and non-paper. Abdrakhmanov agreed to consider the request for a statement of support, noting that it was good to hear that progress was being made in both the U.S. and in India.

¶3. (SBU) Abdrakhmanov asked how the U.S. planned to engage with Pakistan on the subject of civil nuclear cooperation. He stressed the need to take Pakistan's views into account when crafting an exception to NSG rules for India. The Ambassador responded that at present we were working only with India, which had agreed to many elements of transparency and control that Pakistan was not willing to undertake.

¶4. (SBU) Comment: As noted in Ref C, Kazakhstan's status as a member of the Organization of the Islamic Conference means that it must balance its natural desire to supply uranium to India with the need to avoid appearing to act against Pakistan's interests. End comment.

ORDWAY